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MEMORANDUM NO. 073-14M SCHOOL FACILITIES AND ORGANIZATION

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Facility and Capital Directors
School Maintenance Operations Directors

FROM: Randy I. Dorn, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in Schools.

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Agency TTY: (360) 664-3631

Attached is a letter of support from EPA Region 10, OSPI, WSU Extension, and DOH, encouraging districts to use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in schools.

Children face many risks from pests and pesticide exposures. Pests can bite, spread disease, cause allergic reactions, and trigger asthma attacks. Also, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, "Epidemiologic evidence demonstrates associations between early life exposure to pesticides and pediatric cancers, decreased cognitive function, and behavioral problems."¹ Furthermore, pest and pesticide problems can be quite costly and cause legal liability for districts.

To promote safe pest management practices in Washington, EPA, WSU Extension, and Washington State Department of Agriculture are teaming up to provide free training and networking events for administrators, facility directors, custodial and maintenance staff, and contracted pest management professionals. For detailed information about these

¹ American Academy of Pediatrics Council of Environmental Health. (2012). Policy Statement: Pesticide Exposure in Children. *Pediatrics*, 130(6), e1757-e1763. doi: 10.1542/peds.2012-2757

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and other events, visit schoolipm.wsu.edu or sign up for the WSU urban IPM email distribution list by emailing urban.ipm@wsu.edu.

To learn more about Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in schools, read the [IPM Business Case](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Gordon Beck, Director, School Facilities & Organization, (360) 725-6261, gordon.beck@k12.wa.us.
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